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1. AS REPORTED REF AIRGRAM, ATTIGAH, UNDERSEC MIN PLANNING/ DEVELOPMENT, RECENTLY EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR DESIRE RETAIN NUMBER AMERICAN ADVISORS UNDER PRESENT OR SIMILAR SYSTEM OF TOPPING OFF THEIR SALARIES. WE SAID WE WOULD EXPLORE AND WE NOW OWE HIM AN ANSWER. ALL CURRENT WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS WOULD SUGGEST THAT OUR ANSWER TO ATTIGAH MUST BE NEGATIVE. EMBASSY HOWEVER BELIEVES THAT IN US INTEREST KEEP DOOR OPEN FOR SOME CONTRIBUTION TO SALARIES CERTAIN AMERICAN KEY ADVISORS

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IN ORDER MAINTAIN US PRESENCE IN LIBYA'S DEVELORMENT EFFORT.

2. EMBASSY AT THIS TIME SEES LITTLE HOPE PLACING AMERICANS AT LEVEL PITT-HARDACRE (FINANCIAL ADVISER PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE) OR SUBASH DHAR (PRINCIPAL PLANNING ADVISER ASSIGNED BY IBRD TO MIN PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT). ATTIGAH'S REQUEST HOWEVER PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY AT NEXT LOWER LEVEL. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A ONE-YEAR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OUT OF PRESENTLY RPT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE AND OBLIGATED FUNDS WOULD BRIDGE GAP UNTIL OTHER MEANS FINANCING AMERICAN PRESENCE IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CAN BE FOUND, POSSIBLY THROUGH EXISTING FOUNDATIONS OR UNIVERSITIES.

(1) 3. NO EVIDENCE THAT HOPED-FOR PETROLEUM INDUSTRY FOUNDATION WILL TAKE CARE IMMEDIATE NEED FINANCE SMALL NUMBER CAREFULLY SELECTED AMERICAN ADVISORS WHOM GOL (ATTIGAH) WANTS. BUT TO DO THIS FROM US FUNDS, EMBASSY NEEDS EARLIEST POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION UTILIZE LOCAL CURRENCY FUNDS PART-FINANCE SALARIES AMERICANS RATHER THAN THIRD COUNTRY EXPERTS, AS PROVIDED UNDER PRESENT PROJECT AGREEMENT. EMBASSY FORESEES NO DIFFICULTIES OBTAIN AGREEMENT FROM ATTIGAH USE THESE FUNDS FOR AMERICANS RATHER THAN THIRD-COUNTRY TECHNICIANS SINCE HE HAS ALREADY

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EXPRESSED WISH TO RETAIN SPECIFIED AMERICANS AND SINCE THIRD COUNTRY VACANCIES HAVE NOT BEEN FILLED.

4. EMBASSY HAS SELECTED THREE FROM LARGER GROUP ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY ATTIGAH. THEY ARE DR. ARTHUR AUBLE (SENIOR STATISTICIAN USED AS ECON ADVISER), MARWOOD RUPP (REGIONAL PLANNER) AND JOHN KERN (CARTOGRAPHIC EXPERT FROM US ARMY MAP SERVICE). ALL THREE WOULD BE IN POSITION, VIRTUE THEIR COMPETENCE AND ASSIGNMENTS IN AREAS WHICH GOL CONSIDERS HIGH PRIORITY MAKE AMERICAN PRESENCE FELT IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

5. TOTAL COST SALARY CONTRIBUTION THESE THREE MEN VICINITY $30,000, WHICH IS AMOUNT STILL LEFT UNASSIGNED IN MIN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. EMBASSY HAS NOT SUGGESTED THIS FINANCING APPROACH TO ATTIGAH PENDING WASHINGTON REACTION. OUR IDEA REQUIRES NO NEW FUNDS BUT MERELY INTERNAL AUTHORIZATION SPEND US-OWNED LOCAL CURRENCY FOR CONTRIBUTION TO SALARIES OF AMERICAN RATHER THAN THIRD COUNTRY ADVISERS. WE ARE ASSUMING IDEA UTILIZING $1,000,000 USAF FUNDS (DEPTEL 399) DETERMINED BE NOT FEASIBLE.

6. ABOVE REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY SPEND LOCAL CURRENCY FOR AMERICANS RATHER THAN THIRD COUNTRY EXPERTS WILL GO LONG

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WAY MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS. EMBASSY, IN ADDITION, EXPLORING FEASIBILITY ONE AMERICAN ADVISER EACH IN STRATEGIC FIELDS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND GROUND WATER/DESALINIZATION. THIS CONNECTION, GOL CONTRACT CHIEF YUGOSLAV HYDROLOGY ADVISER OBRADOVIC RUNNING OUT IN MARCH AND EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE MIGHT BE OPPORTUNITY PLACE AMERICAN IN THIS FUTURE KEY VACANCY.

7. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT, MEANTIME, USING AVAILABLE LOCAL CURRENCY FUNDS TO FINANCE AMERICAN ADVISERS WOULD RESPOND MORE DIRECTLY BASIC INTENT THIS PROJECT THAN WOULD USING FUNDS FOR THIRD COUNTRY TECHNICIANS. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS EARLIEST POSSIBLE APPROVAL THIS RECOMMENDATION. HEUSER PREPARED DISCUSS DURING WASHINGTON CONSULTATION. GP-3. NEWSOM
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